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> Preston F. Rufe, P.E. Formation Capital, US 812 Shoup St. Salmon, Idaho 83467



RE: Fish Tissue and Aquatic Invertebrate Sampling Plan Approval

Dear Mr. Rufe:

On June 10, 2009 Formation Capital, US, (Formation) submitted a fish tissue and aquatic invertebrate sampling plan (Plan) to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and comment. Subsequently, DEQ and EPA provided comments and Formation modified the Plan. On March 10, 2010, you provided email correspondence which contained additional details of the Plan; these responses satisfied the agencies' comments.

As required in the final Water Quality Certification for your National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (Permit No.ID-002832-1), DEQ approves the Plan.

Please provide DEQ and EPA with finalized versions of the Plan which incorporates the details of your March 10, 2010 correspondence with 30 days to fully comply with the Certification's requirements.

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding the finalization and approval of the Plan.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Troy Saffle

Regional Water Quality Manager

Idaho Falls Regional Office

c: Eva DeMaria, EPA Region 10; Barry Burnell, Water Program Administrator; Russ Bjorklund, S/C National Forest; Fran Allans, EPA Region 10 IOO

